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CHAPTER 295.

AN ACT to authorize the governor to make a settlement of the war claims of Wisconsin against the federal government and to provide an appropriation therefor.

Preamble. Whereas, there is now pending settlement the claim of the state of Wisconsin against the United States for reimbursement for expenses incurred in supplying troops and equipment for the preservation of the Union between 1861 and 1865; and

Preamble. Whereas, the only obstacle to the consideration of the claim by the court of claims is likely to be removed by a bill which has already passed the United States senate and is now before the house of representatives; and

Preamble. Whereas, the passage of said bill will make it possible for the state to secure at least a portion of the large sums expended for war purposes during the war of the rebellion.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Governor authorized to settle civil war claims.

SECTION 1. The governor of the state is hereby authorized to take such steps as are necessary to bring about an adjudication or settlement of the claims of the state of Wisconsin against the United States for money expended for war purposes between the years 1861 and 1865.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 28, 1899.